

Alexandria Gazette.

THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 6.

A Clam Catches a Rat.

Officer George Baker, of the Fourth precinct, went around yesterday morning at 3 o'clock to try the doors on his route. In the basement of a building at the corner of Fulton street and Broadway he heard a noise like a burglar trying to break open a door. He drew his revolver and went down to capture or, if need be, to shoot the burglar. When he reached the scene of the turmoil he saw something more surprising than a burglar. It was a big gray rat, with side whiskers and a particularly malignant expression of countenance. The rat was racing up and down the floor of a barber shop in the basement, and at every jump something attached to the end of his long tail hit the floor and made the noise which had attracted the officer. Mr. Baker looked closer and saw that the object on the end of the tail of the agitated rat was a big hard-shell clam. The officer ran and called Policeman Lake, of the First precinct, and together they descended to slay the afflicted rat. The animal made a desperate dash through a crevice under a door. He was corpulent, but he managed to squeeze through. The clam, however, was too large to pass under the door, and the poor rat found himself not only burdened with a needless appendage to his tail, but held a prisoner. Once, twice, thrice he pulled, but the clam would not come or let go, and the rat's tail was so too durable material to break. The rat's head reflected a moment and then rose to the emergency of the case. He was no doubt proud of his tail, but he determined to sacrifice it to save his life. He turned about and bit off the end of the appendage close to the clam shell and then escaped. The policeman who had come down to kill the rat was so impressed with its sagacity and self-denial that they let it go; but it would have been an act of mercy to have killed it, for close observers of the rat declare that when one of their number loses his tail or any part thereof he is forever ostracized by his fellows. The clam still retained its grip on the fragment of the rat's tail. It was taken in charge by Officer Baker, and is now on exhibition at Spencer's, at the corner of Broadway and Fulton street. Officer Baker, who knows all about clams and rats, explained how the accident to the animal happened. He said: "I heard of a similar calamity that once befell a rat in an East side oyster house. You see, a rat will walk over a pile of clams in its search for food. This particular clam that made so much trouble for that rat that we didn't kill yesterday morning, lay with its tongue out, like that of a dog on a hot summer afternoon. The rat's tail came in contact with the clam's tongue, and instantly the clam drew in its tongue and the tail. Then it closed its shell with a firm and relentless grip on the rat's tail and the trouble began. It is hard to say which was the more surprised, the clam when the rat ran down into the basement, thumping the mollusk as it went, or the rat. A rat is more nervous than a clam and more intelligent. He, and a clam that has a morbid enough taste to make a luncheon off the end of a rat's tail doesn't know much anyhow."—N. F. Sun.

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Washington	8:30 a.m.	11:21 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	11:00 p.m.	
Alexandria	8:55	11:46	5:55	11:25	
Manassas	9:51	12:35 p.m.	7:00	12:15	
Warr'n. Junc.	10:23	1:01	7:35	12:45	
Orange	11:48	1:35	9:01		
Charlottesville	1:10 p.m.	2:18	10:30	3:00	
ARRIVE.					
Lynchburg	8:25	5:45	1:00 a.m.	5:15	
Franklin Junc.		5:45		6:45	
Danville		8:20		7:45	
Asheville				8:58 p.m.	
Hot Springs				10:00	
Atlanta				10:40	
Chattanooga	9:05 a.m.	1:20 p.m.	5:45 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	
Memphis	9:15 p.m.		6:10 a.m.		
New Orleans		7:10			
Louisville			7:10 p.m.		
Cincinnati			6:00		